

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method by a server of transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of said the examinee via a network, the method performed by a server, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a confirmation inquiry mail to said the examinee terminal asking whether to require said the pass/fail information;

receiving a response mail returned by said from the examinee terminal in response to said confirmation responding to the inquiry mail;

recording reception time at which said the server receives said the response mail;

determining, based on said the reception time, a transmission order by in which to transmit to said examinee terminal a pass/fail information address in said the network at which said the pass/fail information is located is transmitted to the examinee terminal;

monitoring server load of the server; and

transmitting said the pass/fail information address to examinee terminals of a predetermined number of said examinee terminals examinees including the examinee depending on said the determined transmission order and a the monitored server load value indicating a load on said server and/or said network.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmission request for transmitting said the pass/fail information transmitted from said the examinee terminal, said the transmission request based on said the pass/fail information address; and

transmitting said the pass/fail information in response to said the transmission request.

3. (Currently Amended) A method by a server of transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether an a particular examinee has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of said the particular examinee via a network, the method performed by a server, comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmission request for transmitting said the pass/fail information transmitted from said the examinee terminal, said the transmission request based on a pass/fail information address in said the network at which said the pass/fail information is located; and

transmitting, in response to reception of said the transmission request, a plurality of examinee ID numbers of a plurality of passing examinees around an examinee ID number of said the particular examinee.

4. (Currently Amended) A method by a server of transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether an a particular examinee among a plurality of examinees has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of said the particular examinee via a network, the method performed by a server, comprising the steps of:

transmitting to said the examinee terminal an enquiry to said examinee asking whether said the particular examinee wishes to disclose said pass/fail information to other examinees;

receiving a response by said examinee terminal to said the transmitted enquiry from the examiner terminal;

grouping, based on profile information of the plurality of examinees, forming a group of examinees whose responses indicate a who wish to disclose said their pass/fail information to other examinees, based on profile information of the examinees, the group including the particular examinee; and

transmitting pass/fail information of the grouped examinees of the group to said the examinee terminals of the grouped examinees terminal of the particular examinee.

5. (Currently Amended) A transmitting apparatus of transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of the examinee via a network, comprising:

a transmitting unit that transmits a confirmation an inquiry mail to said the examinee terminal asking whether to require said the pass/fail information;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail returned by said from the examinee terminal in response to said confirmation responding to the inquiry mail;

a determining unit that records reception time at which said the response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, a transmission order by in which to transmit to said examinee terminal a pass/fail information address at which said the pass/fail information is located is transmitted to the examinee terminal;

a monitoring unit that monitors load of the transmitting apparatus; and

a transmitting unit that transmits said the pass/fail information address to examinee terminals of a predetermined number of said examinee terminals examinees including the examiner depending on said the determined transmission order by the determination unit and a

~~the monitored load value indicating a load on said transmitting apparatus.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The transmitting apparatus as set forth claimed in claim 5, wherein the transmitting unit transmits said the pass/fail information address to the examinee terminals of the predetermined number of examinee terminals examinees when the load value indicating ~~the load on said of the~~ transmitting apparatus is less than a predetermined value.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer program that causes a computer to function as:
a transmitting unit that transmits a confirmation an inquiry mail to an the examinee terminal used by an examinee asking whether ~~said examinee requires~~ to require the pass/fail information indicating whether ~~said examinee has passed or failed an exam~~;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail from the returned in response to said confirmation mail from said examinee terminal responding to the inquiry mail;

a determining unit that records reception time at which said the response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, a transmission order by in which to transmit to ~~said examinee terminal~~ a pass/fail information address at which said the pass/fail information is located is transmitted to the examinee terminal;

a monitoring unit that monitors load of the computer; and

a transmitting unit that transmits said the pass/fail information address to examinee terminals of a predetermined number of said examinee terminals examinees including the examiner depending on said the determined transmission order by the determination unit and a the monitored load value indicating a load on said computer.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer program as set forth in claim 7, wherein the transmitting unit transmits said the pass/fail information address to the examinee terminals of the predetermined number of examinee terminals examinees while when the load value indicating ~~the load on said of the computer transmitting apparatus~~ is less than a predetermined value.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium storing a computer program that causes a computer to function as:

a transmitting unit that transmits an inquiry mail to an the examinee terminal used by an examinee asking whether ~~said examinee requires~~ to require the pass/fail information indicating whether ~~said examinee has passed or failed an exam~~;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail from the examinee terminal returned in response to said confirmation responding to the inquiry mail from said examinee terminal;

a determining unit that records reception time at which said the response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, a transmission order by-in which to transmit to said examinee terminal a pass/fail information address at which said the pass/fail information is located is transmitted to the examinee terminal;

a monitoring unit that monitors load of the computer; and

a transmitting unit that transmits said the pass/fail information address to examinee terminals of a predetermined number of said examinee terminals examinees including the examiner depending on said the determined transmission order by the determination unit and a the monitored load value indicating a load on said computer.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer readable recording medium as set forth in claim 9, wherein the transmitting unit transmits said the pass/fail information address to the examinee terminals of the predetermined number of examinee terminals examinees while when the load value indicating the load on said of the transmitting apparatus computer is less than a predetermined value.